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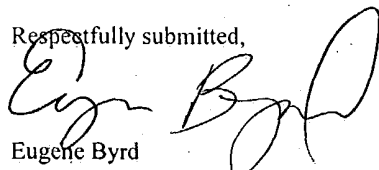
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35 U.S.C. 6; 37 C.F.R. 1.97; 1.98

Submitted herewith are copies of prior art domestic patents identified and discussed in the specification of the above identified application under the heading: "DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART." These are identified on the attached PTO-1449 form.

The discussion of these prior art patents in the attached specification is believed to satisfy the duty to disclose requirements as set forth in the above identified statute and rules.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE if appropriate
	6,304,444	10/2001	Combs, et al.			
	6,164,369	12/2000	Stoller			
	6,006,944	12/1999	Machledt			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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